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INFO AMCONSUL SYDNEY  
AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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TAGS CASC, AS  
SUBJ: EMERGENCY SERVICES TO AMERICAN CITIZENS: POST PROFILE:  
MELBOURNE

REF STATE A-0518 CANBERRA A-043

RESPONSES FOLLOW A-0518 KEY

### 1. OFFICE HOURS

A. MONDAY-FRIDAY 0845-1230 & 1315-1730.

B. FOR THE PUBLIC: 0900-1200 NOON & 1400-1600 HOURS.

C. LUNCH BREAK: 1230-1315. CONSULAR SECTION IS NOT STAFFED.

D. POST TELEPHONE NUMBER: 03-6992244.

E. CONSULAR SECTION EXTENTIONS: 51-53, 54 (PASSPORTS), 55, 56  
62 (SCS)

F. YES. AMERICAN CONSULAR AGENCY, 8TH FLOOR, G R E BUILDING,  
50 GRENFELL STREET, ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA 5000,  
AUSTRALIA. TELEPHONE: (STD OR AREA CODE 08) 212-3879.  
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THE CONSULAR AGENT IS MR WILLIAM J MCGOVERN & HIS SECRETARY  
IS MRS JOAN BELFORD. MR MCGOVERN HAS TWO OTHER TELEPHONE  
NUMBERS. HIS NUMBER AT WORK IS: 08-2121255 & AT HOME:  
08-3325311.

G. LOCAL HOLIDAYS. DAY OF OBSERVANCE VARIES. DATES  
SHOWN APPLY TO 1978.

NEW YEAR'S DAY (JAN 2)  
AUSTRALIA DAY(JAN 30)  
LABOR DAY (MARCH 13)  
GOOD FRIDAY (MARCH 24)  
EASTER MONDAY (MARCH 27)  
EASTER TUESDAY (MAR 28)  
ANZAC DAY (APRIL 25)  
QUEENS BIRTHDAY (JUNE 5)  
SHOWN DAY (SEPT 28)  
MELBOURNE CUP DAY (NOV 7)  
CHRISTMAS DAY (DEC 25)  
BOXING DAY (DEC 26)

2. AFTER HOURS COVERAGE

A. NO SEPARATE CONSULAR DUTY OFFICER.

B. POST DUTY OFFICER DOES NOT RECEIVE INCOMING CABLES ON WEEKENDS UNLESS THEY ARE NIGHT ACTION IMMEDIATE.

C. A RECORD PLAYS AFTER HOURS ADVISING CALLERS THAT THE CONSULATE GENERAL IS CLOSED AND, IN AN EMERGENCY, TO CALL THE ANSWERING SERVICE WHICH CALLS THE DUTY OFFICER IN GENUINE EMERGENCIES.

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D. ALL CALLERS ARE ADVISED OF THE SAME MESSAGE AS IN ITEM C.

3. REGISTRATION/NOTICE BOARD

A. POST MAINTAINS CARD SYSTEM FOR VISITORS & PERMANENT RESIDENTS. THIS SYSTEM IS FREQUENTLY USED.

B. THE ONLY BULLETIN BOARD FOR NOTICES WHICH VISITING AMERICANS MAY OBSERVE IS IN THE CONSULAR SECTION.

4. SEARCHING FOR MISSING PERSONS

SAME AS REPORTED IN A-043 FROM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

5. SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR)

SAME AS REPORTED IN A-043 FROM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

6. LOCAL COMMUNICATIONS

SAME AS REPORTED IN A-043 FROM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

EXCEPT THAT TELEX CODES FOR INDIVIDUAL BANK BRANCHES  
DIFFER.

7. LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

A. AIR TRAVEL

(1) SEVERAL DAILY FLIGHTS IN & OUT OF MELBOURNE TO  
U.S., BOTH DIRECT & THROUGH SYDNEY.

(2) LOCAL AIRLINES KEEP FLIGHT MANIFESTS FOR 24 HOURS.  
MANIFESTS CAN BE CHECKED FOR ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE  
DATES. THIS INFORMATION CAN BE RELEASED TO CONSUL.

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(3) MESSAGE BOARDS ARE LOCATED IN THE ARRIVAL HALLS OF  
ANSETT AIRWAYS & TRANS AUSTRALIA AIRLINES, THE TWO  
LARGE AIRLINE COMPANIES OFFERING INTERSTATE TRANSPORT.

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B. ROAD SITUATION

(1) ALL ROADS ARE PATROLLED BY POLICE BUT NOT ON A SET  
SCHEDULE.

(2) THE CAPITAL CITIES OF MELBOURNE, HOBART & ADELAIDE  
ARE WELL EQUIPPED WITH MODERN MOTELS & HOTELS.

THE COUNTRY DISTRICTS ALSO HAVE ADEQUATE ACCOMMODATION  
IN THIS FIELD. THE TOWN OF ALICE SPRINGS IN THE  
NORTHERN TERRITORY IS A TOURIST CENTER & HAS  
ADEQUATE ACCOMMODATION TO ATER FOR CONSTANT TOURISTS.

C. RAILROAD

THERE ARE REGULR INTERSTATE TRAINS OPERATING IN MELBOURNE'S  
CONSULAR DISTRICT. IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT MESSAGES LEFT AT  
TRAIN TERMINALS WOULD BE EFFECTIVE BUT IF IT WAS KNOWN THAT  
A PERSON WAS ARRIVING ON A CERTAIN TRAIN, AN ANNOUNCEMENT  
COULD BE MADE OVER THE PA SYSTEM.

D. BUS

SAME AS FOR TRAINS

E. RENTAL CAR AGENCIES  
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DOUBTFUL IF MESSAGES LEFT AT RENTAL CAR AGENCIES WOULD BE  
EFFECTIVE UNLESS IT WAS KNOWN THAT THE MISSING PERSON WAS  
RENTING A CAR. THEN IT WOULD BE A CASE OF CHECKING WITH  
RENTAL AGENCY.

9. OTHER

WHERE IT IS KNOWN THAT AN AMERICAN CITIZEN HAS LIVED IN  
A CERTAIN AREA, THIS POST HAS FOUND THE POSTAL  
AUTHORITIES TO BE MOST COOPERATIVE. POSTMASTERS WILL  
ASK POSTMENT WHO DELIVER THE LETTERS IF THEY HAVE ANY  
KNOWLEDGE OF THE PERSON WHO IS SOUGHT. ALSO, THROUGH  
CONTACTING NEIGHBOURS WHO LIVED NEAR THE MISSING PERSON,  
VALUABLE INFORMATION CAN SOMETIMES BE GAINED.  
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